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BOX: PATENT APPLICATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly enter the following preliminary amendments in the above-captioned application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

<u>Page 1, lines 10-11</u>, Please delete the second paragraph on page 1, and insert therefor the following paragraph:

-- This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/095,117 filed June 10, 1998 and claims priority form U.S. Provisional Patent application Serial No. 60/049,803, filed June 17, 1997. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-31, 36, 39 and 40.

<u>Please delete claims 32-35, 37 and 41 as originally filed and substitute therefor the following amended claims:</u>

32. (Amended) A method for screening subjects for a genetic marker associated with autism, comprising: